


LOCAL FREQUENCIES FOR LOCAL EMERGENCIES



A NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) provides immediate emergency information when seconds count!

Public Alert. We recommend an NWR with the Public Alert logo. Only this type of NWR is activated when local alerts are sent, providing immediate information in life-threatening situations. 

S.A.M.E. Receivers. Most NWR transmitters broadcast for a number of counties, but Specific Alert Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.) receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area(s) you've selected.

Area	S.A.M.E Code	Transmitter Location	Frequency	Call Sign
Monterey	006053	Mt. Umunhum	162.550	KEC49
Santa Cruz	006087	Mt. Umunhum	162.550	KEC49
San Francisco	006075	San Francisco	162.400	KHB49

AC Power and Battery Backup. We recommend a unit that plugs into the wall and is also equipped with a battery backup.

External Antenna. NWRs come with a whip antenna that might have difficulty receiving NWR signals if your house is in a valley or surrounded by tall vegetation, or if your building interferes. A radio with an external antenna jack and an antenna that can be mounted outside or at a high elevation will improve signal reception.

Bed Shakers and Strobe Lights. Some models have bed shakers and strobe light attachments for the hearing impaired or heavy sleepers. These may be provided for free to deaf residents of Sonoma County. For details, please visit SoCoEmergency.org.

Where to Purchase an NWR. Electronics stores and a variety of sources online carry NWRs. For more information, visit weather.gov/nwr.



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For more information on Emergency Preparedness visit:
<https://www.santacruzcounty.us/OR3.aspx>